

# Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	Tropical System Harvey	
Date	September 22, 2017	
Time	7 AM	
Operational Period	7 AM 09/21/17 – 7 AM 09/22/17	
Report Number	31	

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 3 and 6
DDC's Active	4B, 15, 16B, 16C and 20

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Residents continue to return to their communities to assess their losses. Evacuees that were transported out of the affected areas to the safety of shelters are being transferred to shelters closer to home, to allow them to start the recovery process. FEMA has established Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in the affected communities to assist the survivors of this historic incident.

Governor Abbott extended the proclamation suspending Hotel and Motel Tax during Harvey Recovery on September 21, 2017 for a period of 30 days beginning September 23, 2017 and ending on October 23, 2017.

Governor Abbott renewed the disaster proclamation for all 60 counties on September 20, 2017.

The President has amended the federal declaration for the State of Texas to provide additional disaster assistance available to the state. This increases federal funding for Public Assistance projects as a result of Hurricane Harvey beginning on August 23, 2017, and continuing.

President Trump has amended the Texas Disaster Declaration to make additional disaster assistance available to the State of Texas. This action authorizes 90% Federal cost share for debris removal, and 100% Federal cost share for emergency protective measures for 30 days from the start of the incident period and then a 90% cost share thereafter.

Governor Abbott has issued a suspension of specific vehicle titling and registration requirements for the next 45 days in the 58 counties specified in the state's disaster declaration. As a consequence, vehicle titling and registration expirations are suspended in order to relieve that burden upon Texans. Law enforcement will not issue citations for expired registration in all affected counties until October 16, 2017.

Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration for the counties of: Angelina, Atascosa, Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Cameron, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, Brazoria, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzalez, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces,

Orange, Refugio, San Patricio, Polk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Tyler, Trinity, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy and Wilson.

Governor Abbott requested and was approved for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the following counties: Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties for Individual Assistance and assistance with debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

Bexar, Dallas, Tarrant and Travis counties are eligible for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

Public Assistance (Categories C-G) including Direct Federal Assistance have been added to FEMA-4332-DR-TX for Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton Counties.

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

- 1. Sheltering and temporary housing.
- 2. Debris removal.
- 3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
- 4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

#### Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

**DDC 4B Garland** EOC is at Level III. Discussions are ongoing with Orange County Officials on the repopulation of evacuees.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Pierce)

**DDC 14 Lufkin:** Continuing to support recovery operations.

**Jasper/Newton/Sabine County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the counties of Jasper and Newton.

DDC 15 Beaumont: EOC is at Level III.

**Hardin County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Sour Lake.

**Jefferson County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Beaumont and Port Arthur.

City of Beaumont: EOC is at Level III.

City of Port Arthur: EOC is at Level III.

Orange County: EOC is at Level III.

## **DDC 16A Houston**

Chambers County: EOC is at Level III.

Harris County: EOC is at Level III. FEMA has nine DRCs open in Harris County.

City of Houston: EOC is at a Level III.

DDC 16B Texas City: EOC is at Level III.

Brazoria County: EOC is at Level II. City of Richwood's curfew remains in effect from 10 PM to

6 AM.

Galveston County: EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Dickinson and

League City.

**DDC 16C Conroe** 

Montgomery County: FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Magnolia and Conroe.

**Waller County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Brookshire.

**DDC 16D Pierce** 

Colorado County: FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Columbus.

Fort Bend County: EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Katy, Missouri

City, and Simonton.

Matagorda County: EOC is at Level III. FEMA has a DRC open in Bay City.

Wharton County: FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Wharton.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

**DDC 20 Corpus Christi:** EOC is at Level III with only day time operations.

**Aransas County:** EOC is at Level III. Aransas Pass curfew from 12 AM to 6 AM. A Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT) arrived, beginning operations assisting the county and local governments with recovery.

**Nueces County:** EOC is at Level III. City of Port Aransas curfew remains in effect from 12 AM to 6 AM. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Port Aransas.

**Refugio County:** The curfew continues from 10 PM to 6 AM.

**San Patricio County:** EOC at Level II. Ingleside curfew has changed to 12 AM to 5 AM. FEMA has a DRC open in Ingleside.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 17, and 18)

**DDC 12 Austin:** Continuing to support recovery and shelter operations. FEMA has DRCs open in the counties of Bastrop and Fayette.

**DDC 17 Victoria:** FEMA has DRCs open in the counties of Calhoun, Goliad, Jackson and Victoria.

## **Shelters Activated:**

County	# of Shelters	Population as of September 22, 2017 as of 7 AM		
Brazoria	3	106		
Dallas	2	199		
Galveston	1	12		
Hardin	1	18		
Harris	7	1,291		
Jefferson	2	368		
Liberty	2	55		
Nueces	1	30		
Refugio	1	1		
Travis	1	31		
<b>Grand Total</b>	21	2,111		

# RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	Status	Resource Location
DSHS	Mortuary Trailers w/ Staff	1	Standby	Various
DPS	THP	260	Activated	Various
DPS	CID/ICT	47	Activated	Various
SBTC	DOC IMT	1	Activated	Tarrant
SBTC	Childcare Unit	1	Activated	Dallas
SBTC	Feeding Unit	2	Activated	Harris
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	7	Activated	Harris
SBTC	Water Treatment Unit	1	Activated	Harris
SBTC	Kubota RTV	2	Activated	Harris
SBTC	Chaplains	2	Activated	Harris
SBTC	IMT	2	Activated	Harris
SBTC	Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Support Unit	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Feeding	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Feeding Unit	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	3	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Water Treatment Unit	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Cleanup/Recovery	2	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Childcare Unit	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Travis County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Liberty County
SBTC	Cleanup/Recovery Team	1	Activated	Liberty County

SBTC	Cleanup/Recovery	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Generator	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Laundry	1	Activated	Orange County
TMD	SOC Military Desk Team MRP (A-00-25359-4818)	2	Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC Intake Cell Support Team (A-00-25359-4814)	8	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Texas Emergency Tracking Network Teams (A-00-25359-47964)	1	Assigned	Beaumont, Addison, Dallas
TMD	Texas Emergency Tracking Network Team (A-00-25359-47964)	1	Assigned	Camp Mabry
TMD	Sustainment Mission Command	1	Assigned	Camp Mabry
TMD	POD Operations MRPs	21	Assigned	Various
TMD	Adaptive Battle Staff	1	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Military District Coordinator	1	Assigned	Corpus Christi,
TMD	Expedient Response	1	Assigned	ARC San Antonio
TMD	Shelter Operations MRP	13	Assigned	Nacogdoches, NRG Houston, GRB Houston, KBH Dallas,
TMD	Maintenance Team	5	Assigned	Various
TMD	MEOC	5	Assigned	Grand Prairie, Camp Swift, Various
TMD	Fueler	2	Activated	Camp Mabry
TMD	LNO TXSG to BNMC	1	Activated	Camp Swift, Robstown, San Antonio, Home Station
TMD	SUS HQ (JRSOI)	2	Assigned	Houston
TMD	136 MEB	4	Assigned	Camp Mabry
TMD	MEB TF HQ	1	Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	36 CAB	1	Assigned	Austin
TMD	TF North Central (BN HQ)	1	Assigned	Houston
TMD	TF South (BN HQ)	1	Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	TF East (BN HQ)	1	Assigned	Victoria
HHSC	SOC-Ops (DADS, DFPS)	1	Activated	Austin
HHSC	SOC-Ops (HHSC)	1	Activated	Austin
HHSC	DFPS	6	Activated	Houston
TFS	TFS Personnel	45	Activated	Various
TFS	AHIMT Personnel	4	Activated	Various
TFS	TIFMAS Personnel	66	Activated	Various
TFS	TIFMAS Engines	17	Activated	Various
TFS	SOC Support	1	Activated	Austin SOC
TABC	Peace Officers	20	Assigned	Houston NRG
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	27	Assigned	Harris County
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	12	Assigned	Aransas County
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	3	Assigned	Montgomery County
TxDOT	Debris Strike Teams	5	Assigned	City of Seadrift
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**Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC):** Continuing to assist the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Constable Precinct One Office at the NRG Center in Houston maintaining perimeter security and access control.

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC): TWC is accepting applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) in all 39 counties under FEMA's disaster declaration. Individuals whose employment or self-employment was impacted by Hurricane Harvey who live in, work in, or travel through these counties can submit applications for DUA through October 31, 2017. People in affected areas can apply for unemployment benefits due to Hurricane Harvey or learn about Disaster Unemployment Benefits through TWC's website at http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/disaster-unemployment-assistance or call a Tele-Center at 800-939-6631 and speak to a customer service representative. Tele-Centers are open over the weekend from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day and during the week from 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Cumulative August 25, through September 20, 2017, TWC has processed 137,912 disaster-related unemployment insurance claims.

Additional information for job seekers and employers affected by Hurricane Harvey is available at http://www.twc.state.tx.us/hurricane-harvey-resources.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS has 49 responders, including Texas Type 4 All Hazard Incident Management Team (IMT) members assisting in various roles related to the Hurricane Harvey floods and winds. These teams are positioned proximate to the coast of Texas to help in the hurricane response. The Urban Forestry Strike Team with eight members in Victoria County and two members in Refugio County.

The Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) provides local fire trucks and firefighters to support state emergency response operations. The program, run through TFS, is currently staffing 66 firefighters with 17 fire engines from across the state.

Regional Staging Areas (RSAs) are temporary locations established to house, sort and manage a variety of supplies and commodities needs in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. RSA locations include Beaumont and Beeville.

Support locations have been set up along the Texas Gulf Coast in an effort to provide assistance in coordinating response efforts of local disaster districts and emergency operations centers. Support locations include the cities of: Austin, College Station, Corpus Christi, Lufkin and Port Aransas.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ and agency partners of the Natural Disaster Operational Workgroup (NDOW) are conducting orphan container recovery, drinking water and waste water on-site assessments, hazard evaluations, and oil discharge assessments. There are 468 TCEQ staff working in response to Hurricane Harvey. TCEQ has started contacting EMC's about Debris Management. As of September 16, 2017, there are 70 public water systems (PWS) with boil water notices (BWN) and 284 PWS that have rescinded BWN. A total of six PWS and 10 wastewater treatment (WW) plants are currently inoperable.

TCEQ has placed regulatory guidance along with PDW and Wastewater operational status on the TCEQ Webpage located at <a href="http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes">http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes</a>

TCEQ continues to receive and review temporary debris management sites for authorizations. Currently, we have received 164 applications and have approved 146 sites.

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ):** Law Enforcement personnel remain deployed to Ingleside to support activities in the area. There are currently nine officers deployed and 15 on standby.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** Currently has 260 personnel activated. General security duties in all affected area preventing and detecting looting and other crimes. DPS Personnel from the Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Division and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) continue to assist in the affected area by providing general security, response to local agency calls, traffic direction and escorts of maintenance and other critical personnel as needed. THP is assisting HHSC with traffic control at various locations that are distributing D-SNAP benefits to persons in affected counties. DPS is demobilizing outside personnel as local agency needs continue to diminish. Texas Division of Emergency Management State and District Coordinators throughout the state have been deployed to different jurisdictions for mission support.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** As of September 21, 2017, Texas local jurisdictions have received 41,375 doses of Tdap/Td/Tetanus, 6,820 doses of HepA, 150 doses of HepB, and 3,970 doses of influenza vaccine to distribute to first responders and the general public.

Four hospitals or healthcare facilities in the Beaumont, Corpus Christi, and Houston areas remain closed. Care Regional Hospital in Aransas Pass (Corpus Christi Region) and East Houston Regional Medical Center in Houston will remain closed indefinitely as a result of damage sustained due to flooding. Two hospitals or healthcare facilities in Houston are on internal disaster status. Eleven dialysis centers are closed in Beaumont/Port Arthur, Corpus Christi, and Houston.

One mortuary trailer remains deployed in Nueces County and is expected to remain long term.

DSHS is collecting data and looking at which actionable items need to be implemented in the areas of vector control, vaccines, mental health services, shelter surveillance and environmental health.

The Vector Control Team in the SMOC is coordinating aerial vector control efforts in targeted areas. Aerial vector control spraying operations occurred during the last operational period in the following counties: Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto and Wharton.

All Regional Health and Medical Operations Centers (RHMOC) are virtual. A total of 22 PHR staff are activated with no staff deployed to the affected area.

**Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC):** Regulatory Division is coordinating communication with evacuated and impacted Licensed Long Term Care facilities. Additional disaster food relief has been extended to 12 additional counties: Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Goliad, Hardin, Lee, and Walker.

**Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS)** is coordinating communication with evacuated and impacted regulated facilities and conservatorship families.

Texas will offer Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) to residents in Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Nueces, Polk, Refugio and San Patricio counties starting September 18/19, 2017 in addition to the 11 initial counties previously announced. Texas is now offering residents greater flexibility to apply in counties that are not necessarily their counties of

residence. If families have been displaced from one of the 18 counties receiving D-SNAP and cannot travel back to their home county, they can go to any local HHSC benefits office across the state to apply for D-SNAP during the dates designated for their counties.

For information on all 18 currently approved D-SNAP sites, go to <a href="www.hhs.texas.gov/d-snap">www.hhs.texas.gov/d-snap</a> to find days and hours of operation.

**Texas Education Agency (TEA):** Established a telephone hotline for parents in the Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Houston and Victoria areas to receive information regarding public education for students affected by Hurricane Harvey. Parents can get information on public education options for their student by calling (512) 463-9603. The hotline is designed to assist families with questions about where to enroll children in school. They are staffed from 8 AM to 5 PM daily, including weekends.

TEA Website Resources Related to Hurricane Recovery

Hurricane Harvey Resources for Parents: http://tea.texas.gov/HarveyParentResources/

Dealing with Disasters: Frequently Asked Questions:

http://tea.texas.gov/About\_TEA/Other\_Services/Weather\_and\_Disaster/Dealing\_with\_Disasters Frequently Asked Questions/

Hurricane Harvey Resources for School Systems: http://tea.texas.gov/HarveyResources/

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT continues to work with their federal, state and local partners in response to Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. Debris removal operations continue to expand in the impacted areas; mobilized or mobilizing to remove debris in the cities of La Porte, Rockport and Seadrift and the counties of Aransas, Harris and Montgomery. Crews from all but four TxDOT Districts are currently involved.

A total of 12 debris strike teams from across the state mobilized in support of the debris removal efforts focused in Aransas County, while contract crews continued to work on the State Highway system in the area. TxDOT crews continue working to enlarge debris dump sites. Nearly 200 TxDOT personnel will be directly involved in the removal of debris in Aransas County.

TxDOT strike teams are removing debris in Montgomery County. A total of 27 TxDOT debris strike teams have mobilized, conducting debris removal in Harris County.

Local TxDOT staff will establish communications with the City of Seadrift, Palacios, Bay City and Jefferson County and develop agreement's to remove debris inside the city limits and county boundaries. Contract crews continue debris removal operations in Victoria and Calhoun Counties.

In the impacted areas, two segments of roadway remain closed due to flooding while 9 segments remain closed due to damage.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD is currently operating one POD and one ETN trainer. Currently maintaining assigned missions while remaining TMD elements are conducting outprocessing and demobilization. Currently operating throughout the state, focused in Disaster Districts 12 and 20.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers are continuing response with calls for service and security patrols in affected areas. Tasking of these activities is being filled by locally-stationed officers who are working closely with local officials to determine needs. Focus remains strongest in DDCs 14, 15, and 16, specifically Brazoria and Newton Counties. Officers in the Port Aransas and Rockport areas continue with welfare checks and security patrols.

Response efforts to date have resulted in the combined rescue of 11,212 persons. TPWD is currently housing 84 evacuees in eight State Parks. Locally assigned State Park Police Officers are being tasked with evacuee management as needed.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of 8 AM on September 12, 2017. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

#### The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)

Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/default.aspx

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